

April, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Gilead Bible Church,

There are **three extraordinary events** in April that speaks of the hope for all believers.

**Palm Sunday** is Sun., April 17. This day celebrates the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem as king. It fulfills the prophecy of Zech. 9:9 in Matt. 21, "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"



**Good Friday** is Fri., April 22. On this day, we commemorate the suffering and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ. What's so good about Good Friday? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good, but the results of Christ's death are very good! We are reminded in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**Easter** is Sun., April 24. Easter celebrates the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures.

As we celebrate and commemorate, we also ought to bear witness of our hope to those who are perishing everyday without hope. Two of these witnesses are in danger of being no longer recognized by the government of this country. The Bible declares in Eph. 5 that the husband and wife relationship testifies to the hope of Christ (exemplified by the husband) and the church (exemplified by the wife).

The **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** was enacted in 1996 into law by Pres. Clinton defining marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman. Under the law no state may be required to recognize as a marriage a same-sex relationship considered a marriage in another state.

In January of this year, Pres. Obama instructed the Justice Dept. to no longer defend the constitutionality of DOMA – the legal prohibition on federal recognition of same-sex marriages. Our government will now begin to recognize same-sex marriages. In the future, I believe our government will legalize same-sex marriages.

The husband and wife relationship testifying to the hope Christ (exemplified by the husband) and the church (exemplified by the wife) is in danger of being no longer recognized by the government of this country. The greatest fear is that without these two witnesses, there will be no one to bear witness of our hope to those who are perishing everyday without hope.

However, this does not have to be the case at all. Despite whatever legislation is legalized by any government, the husband and wife relationship can endure, and the believer husband and believer wife can be a living testimony of the hope of Christ and the church as they live and practice godliness and godly family living.

Believer husband and believer wife, celebrate and commemorate **Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter**, but remember to testify of your hope of Christ and the church in word and deed!

God Bless,

Pastor David and Helen Moy

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親愛的基列聖經教會弟兄姊妹,

在4月份有三個非常特別的活動是談到所有信徒的希望.

棕櫚週日是星期天,4月17日.這一天是慶祝耶穌基督凱旋進入耶路撒冷作王.在馬太福音21章它實現了撒加利亞在第9章9節中的預言.”錫安的民哪,應當大大喜樂;耶路撒冷的民哪,應當歡呼.看哪,你的王來到你這裡!

他是公義的,並且施行拯救,謙謙和和地騎著驢,就是騎著驢的駒子.”



耶穌受難日是週五,4月22日.在這一天,我們紀念主耶穌基督的受苦以及死在十字架上.耶穌受難日對我們有什麼好?

猶太掌權的人和羅馬人對耶穌曾經所做過的是絕對不好,但基督的死而這結果卻是非常好!在羅馬書5章8節提醒了我們,”惟有基督在我們還作罪人的時候為我們死,神的愛就在此向我們顯明了.”

復活節是週日,4月24日.復活節是慶祝主耶穌基督的復活.復活是每一個信徒得勝和榮耀的勝利.根據聖經的記載耶穌死了,被埋葬,第三天復活.

當我們慶祝和紀念的同時,我們應當要向那些沒有盼望每天在滅亡中的人去見證我們的盼望,其中兩個見證人正面對已經不被這個國家的政府承認的危險中.聖經在以弗所書第5章宣告丈夫和妻子的關係是表明了基督(例證是丈夫)和教會(例證是妻子)的希望.

婚姻保衛法案(DOMA)於1996年由克林頓總統頒布為法律.確定婚姻是由一男一女之間的法定聯合.根據法律要求任何州無須承認在另一個州認可的同性婚姻關係.

在今年一月,奧巴馬指令司法部不再保衛合憲法的婚姻保衛法案(DOMA)-  
聯邦政府法定禁止承認

同性婚姻.我們的政府現在開始承認同性婚姻.在將來我相信我們的政府會將同性婚姻合法化.

丈夫和妻子的關係是見證基督(例證是丈夫)和教會(例證是妻子)的希望現正面對已經不被

這個國家的政府承認的危險中.最恐懼的是如果沒有這兩個見證人,就沒有人將我們的盼望見證給那些沒有盼望每天在滅亡中的人.

但是這並不是所有都是這個情況.儘管無論政府合法任何法例,丈夫和妻子的關係是可以力久.信徒的丈夫和妻子可以從活出和實踐出信仰和敬虔的家庭生活去見證基督和教會的盼望.

信徒丈夫和妻子,在慶祝和紀念棕櫚週日,耶穌受難日及復活節時,請記住用你的言語和行動去見證你在基督和教會的盼望!

願神祝福,  
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